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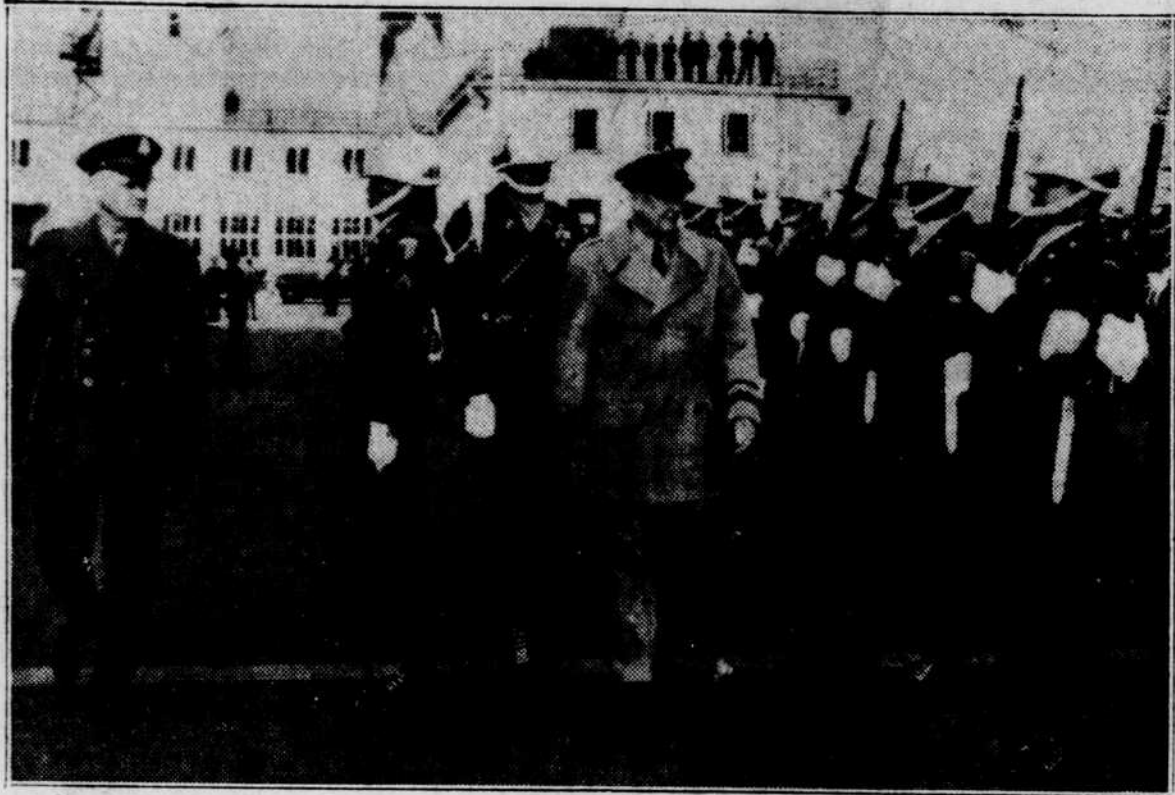
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## ABOLISH SEGREGATION NOW PROMINENT SOUTHERNER SAYS JIM BRENT DURR TELLS STORY OF SLAYING



**GEN. EISENHOWER REVIEWS NEGRO HONOR GUARD**—During a four-day tour of British, French and American troops in Germany, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, SHAPE, reviewed the EUCOM Honor Guard at Rhine-Main Airbase as he arrived from EUCOM, Lt. Alfred J. Dempsey, Honor Guard Commander; General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower. This is a U. S. Army Radiophoto from Frankfurt.

The European Command Honor Guard is a crack drill outfit utilized to greet visiting dignitaries in Europe. It is specially equipped with distinctive uniforms including chrome-plated helmets, rifles and bayonets. The platoon is also combat-qualified as a regular infantry platoon. The unit is capable of performing 30 consecutive minutes of silent drill without command. Its drill demonstrations have thrilled thousands of U. S. military personnel, American and European civilians over the past three years. It is the only Negro unit of its kind in the Army. The platoon was organized and trained at Grafenwohr, Germany, in 1947, by Captain (then Lieutenant) H. M. Francis, 1944 Graduate of the United States Military Academy, of Washington, D. C.

### NEGRO MAN WHO WITH WIFE IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN SLAYING OF CONSTABLE AND WOUNDING HIS BROTHER TELLS A REVEALING STORY

**PREGNANT WIFE ACTS AS SHIELD TO SAVE HUSBAND'S LIFE**  
**SIX-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER IS FORCED ACTOR AND WITNESS**

JACKSON, Miss., May 14 — (DNR) — The following is the exclusive story of Jim Brent Durr, Negro man, of Magee, Mississippi, who was the subject of a hunt by a 600 man posse of citizens and Law enforcement officers following the slaying of a constable and the wounding of his brother on April 5th near Magee, Mississippi.

Durr with his wife, who is pregnant, is being held in jail without bond in connection with the event. The Durr statement also reveals that his six-year old daughter was also present and an actor in the event which is a witness to the slaying which lead to the arrest of her father and mother on a charge

### Dr. Ralph Bunche Speaks On Truman MacArthur Issue

LOS ANGELES—(ANP) — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Noble Peace Prize winner, last week defended the firing of the Army Douglas MacArthur as he addressed the Regional Council for the United Nations. Addressing a capacity crowd at the palatial Ambassador hotel, Dr. Bunche defended the United Nations and American policy of containment.

### Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Named To Federal Civil Defense Staff

(BY ALBERT ANDERSON)  
WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Federal Civil Defense Administrator Millard Caldwell will have a Negro on his staff after all. It will be Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, noted feminine leader, who has been gunning for a place in civil defense. Mrs. Bethune will be a member of the 12 member advisory council appointed by President Truman and which will confer with Ad-

ministrator Caldwell on policy matters and decisions. Almost as soon as Millard Caldwell, who is a former governor of Florida, was appointed, friends of Mrs. Bethune began urging her name for a post on his staff. There was no word forthcoming and from some quarters attacks on Caldwell began. It was charged that as governor of Florida he was well acquainted

### Reports Probe Underway To Clarify "Riot" In Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ga. (SNS)—Frank A. Phillips, Jr., of the Board of Public Safety, told a group of Negro citizens this week that the board is already at work to clarify the recent situation that started after a brawl between policemen and Negro soldiers at Fort Benning.

The citizen group consisted of ministers and community leaders who carried their notarized petitions and many affidavits to the city commission's meeting. The affidavits cited instances where they said police had committed "outrages on helpless Negro women

### PERCY GREENE TO SPEAK IN GREENVILLE SUNDAY

**LOCAL GROUP TO ORGANIZE DEMOCRAT CLUB**  
**COLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR TO SING**  
GREENVILLE, Miss. — Percy Greene, publisher of the Jackson (Miss.) Advocate, will be the principal speaker at a Mammoth Mass Meeting which will be held at Mt. Horeb M. B. Church, Sunday afternoon, May 20th, at 3 o'clock. Preceding the address will be a short musical program rendered by the Choral Group of Coleman High School under direction of Miss Hertie Jones.

### Funeral Rites Held For Father Of Miss L. B. Walker "Y" Secretary

Funeral Rites for Rev. W. R. Walker, retired Methodist Minister, was held at Kynette Methodist Church with burial in Rose Hill cemetery, Brookhaven, Mississippi, Friday, May 11, at 2:00 P. M. The Eulogy was given by Rev. E. J. Millsaps, District Superintendent of the Brookhaven District. Other ministers officiating were: Rev. N. G. Crawford, pastor, Rev. F. P. Leonard, Jackson, Mississippi, Rev. P. A. Taylor, Brookhaven, Miss., Rev. C. M. Webb, District Superintendent of the Hattiesburg District.

### Local Fraternities And Sororities Invite Nat'l Officer

The local chapter of the American Council of Human Rights, an organization of seven Greek lettered organizations will entertain Miss Patricia Roberts, assistant director of the national office, at a public meeting Monday, May 21, 1951. The informal meeting will be devoted largely to questions and answers and is to be held at the College Park club house 8 p.m.

### Dr. A. W. Dent Commencement Speaker At Tougaloo

Tougaloo, Miss., May 14.—(Special)—Commencement activities started early on the Tougaloo campus with a dance for the graduating class of the Tougaloo Practice High School on Saturday, May 12. Their baccalaureate services in Woodworth Chapel at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, will be conducted by the college chaplain, the Rev. John Dee Mangram. Their commencement speaker will be President Harold C. Warren of Tougaloo College. The exercises are scheduled for Friday evening, May 25, at 8 p.m., in the college chapel.

### Southern Ass'n. Of Dramatic & Speech Arts Closes Annual Convention

Montgomery, Alabama, May 11 —The fifteenth annual convention of the Southern Association of Dramatic & Speech Arts closed a record-breaking session at the Alabama State College, with a total of 159 delegates registered representing 19 colleges, four high schools, and two children's groups. Lincoln University of Missouri with 19 delegates led the colleges. Dr. Delwin Dusenberry, was the main

### WILLIE MCGEE FUNERAL HELD IN LAUREL LAST SATURDAY

**Large Crowd Attends Funeral And View Remains**  
LAUREL, Miss., May 14.—(DSN)—Willie McGee, who went to his death in the state's portable electric chair in the Jones County courthouse here last Monday a few minutes after midnight, more than five years after being convicted and sentenced to death for the rape of a Laurel white woman, the man whose case had attracted wide attention, and whose last minute statement before going to the electric chair is still keeping the case alive in the minds of many people both in this country and abroad, was buried here Saturday.

### Birmingham Black Eagles And Jackson Cubs Pry Lid Off Southern Negro League At Brown Stadium Sun.

The Negro Southern League Season will officially open with a game between the Birmingham Black Eagles and the Jackson Cubs at Brown's Stadium at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The opening ceremony will include a number of colorful events for the pre-game time entertainment of the fans. One of the main features of the entertainment will be midget Jitterbug King Rubb, whose hilarious antics ranked him with the showman of the famous Indianapolis Clowns.

### Miss. Baptist Seminary To Observe Annual Commencement

Dr. J. Wash Watts Of New Orleans Speaker



The Mississippi Baptist Seminary will observe its Eighth Annual Commencement, beginning Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7 p.m. with the closing exercise of the Sunday School Division, in the Seminary Chapel, with Rev. L. C. Wilcher, as Principal Speaker.

Thursday, May 24, 1951 at the Parish Street Baptist Church at 10 a.m. will be the Baccalaureate service with Dr. C. A. Greer as speaker. Dr. Greer holds the B.A., D.D., LL.D. degree. He has held many outstanding positions in Baptist life of Mississippi, namely, President of the Baptist College, Holly Springs, Miss., corresponding secretary of the General Baptist Convention of Mississippi, corresponding secretary-treasurer of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A. Educational Board, member of the Finance Committee of the National Baptist Convention. At present he is pastor of the Parish Street Missionary Baptist Church (a full time church) whose membership he has recently led into an outstanding building program of one of the most modern

### Philander Smith President Is Jackson College Commencement Speaker May 27

The announcement of commencement speakers for the 74th Annual Commencement exercises at Jackson College was made recently by the president, Jacob L. Reddix. Reverend Luke Beard, Pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, will deliver the Commencement Vesper Sermon Sunday, May 27, and Dr. M. LaFayette Harris, President of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., will deliver the Commencement Address, Monday, May 28. Reverend Beard is a native Mississippian and a graduate of Jackson College, class of 1932. Immediately after graduation, he entered Lincoln University in Pennsylvania where he made an en-

### Commencement Events At Campbell College

The Board of Trustees, the President, and the Senior Classes of Campbell College and Campbell College High School announce events of the Commencement Season. Order of events are as follows: Senior High School Banquet, May 15, Senior High School Class Night, May 17, Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday, May 20, at 3:30 p.m., Alumni and Senior Breakfast, May 21, at 8:00 a.m., Senior College Class Night, May 24, at 10:00 a.m. Dr. H. Thomas Primm, pastor of Union Bethel A.M.E. Church New

### Medical Society Votes To Admit Negro Doctors

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—The District Medical society, the official body of organized medicine here which in the past has barred Negro doctors from membership conducted a referendum among its members recently. Ballots were sent to 1,381 voting members asking whether they were willing to admit qualified Negro physicians to membership. The approximate thousand who responded voted seven to three to admit Negroes to membership. Though there are no pending applications from Negroes for membership in the District body, there have been numerous conferences

### Field Foundation Contributes \$15,000 NAACP Legal Fund

NEW YORK, May 10—A contribution of \$15,000 from the Field Foundation aided the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its legal fight for civil rights, it was announced this week by NAACP Executive Secretary Walter White. Billy Eckstine, popular vocalist, presented the NAACP legal fund with a check for \$500. Other contributions included \$250 from Charles Bunn of Madison, Wisconsin; \$246.83 from the Fort Worth Texas, branch of the NAACP; \$212.45 from the Flint, Mich., branch; \$185 from the Philadelphia branch; \$150 from the Tuskegee, Alabama, branch; \$100 from Local 581, UAW-CIO, Flint, Mich.; \$100 from the Tampa, Fla., branch; \$85 from the Columbus, Ohio, branch; and \$50 each from Lewis Gannett, Mrs.

### Howard Odum Joins Ranks Of Southerners Who Calls For End Of Segregation Of Negroes

Says Revolutionary Action Would Bring Region Prosperity; Would Drop Inexcusable Brutalities

WOULD SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTARY FOR COERCIVE EFFORTS

ATLANTA — (ANP) — A distinguished southern sociologist challenged the south Friday to end segregation and racial discrimination as an investment that would bring the region prosperity "beyond previous measures."

Dr. Howard W. Odum, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina, delivered his strong address, "The Mid-Century South; Looking Both Ways," before the 14th annual meeting of the Southern Sociological society at the Biltmore hotel here.

He called for the region to drop its "inexcusable" brutalities, injustices, and discriminations against the Negro and convert to an "integrated, multiple-cultured American democracy."

The renowned sociologist, long known as a liberal thinker, proposed in a speech that his fellow sociologists said was the strongest statement he had ever made on the subject. The noted student of southern attitude and problems urged that Dixie provide "equal opportunity" for Negroes in public education and that it begin immediately non-segregation in all University Education on the graduate and professional level, and urged further that the region move swiftly toward specific and workable solutions to inter-racial frictions.

### Launch Campaign To Focus National Spotlight On Birmingham Racial Violence

Birmingham, Ala., May 14.—A campaign to focus national attention on racial violence in Birmingham

and a President-appointed national body be established "to work out agenda for negotiations and specific

### White Denounces Congress For "Sit Down Strike" On Rights

NEW YORK, May 10 — Congress is engaged in "a wilful sit-down strike against civil rights," Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said today in a statement reviewing the record of the 82nd Congress prior to the convening of a national conference on civil rights in Washington, May 22-23.

"Of 41 bills and five resolutions introduced in both Houses of Congress during this session, not one has reached the floor of either House for debate," Mr. White pointed out. "Such congressional inaction," he continued, "demonstrates the urgent need for a national conference to develop plans for a new and intensified drive for enactment of civil rights measures."

Citing the record, the NAACP executive said that 37 bills and three resolutions on civil rights

had been introduced in the House. Among these are five watered-down compromise measures introduced by Congressmen Brooks Hays of Arkansas and Dwight L. Rogers of Florida. In the Senate, four bills and two resolutions have been introduced. One resolution, by Senator Spessard Holland of Florida, would abolish the poll tax by constitutional amendment. An anti-filibuster resolution has been introduced by Senator Herbert Lehman of New York and others.

**Buried In Committee**  
Among the House bills are six providing for an FEPC and four submitted by the Department of Justice, including bills to make lynching a federal crime, to abolish the poll tax, to prohibit attempts to hold anyone in slavery or peonage, and an omnibus civil rights bill. The FEPC bills have

### HIGH NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL POST GOES TO NEGRO

New York City's nine-man Board of Education, at its annual meeting Tuesday, May 8, elected John B. King, a Brooklyn school principal, to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools. The appointment, calling for a salary of \$13,500 per year, represents the highest post ever held by a Negro in the New York City school system and the highest to which a Negro has ever been appointed in a mixed school system.

The New York City public school system is the largest in the world, having over 800 schools and nearly a million pupils. Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools, in recommending King to the Board of Education for the position, said: "Without any hesitation, or mental reservation whatever, I can say that Mr. King is

one of the outstanding educational leaders in our school system."

Mr. King, a native New Yorker, is 42 years old. Up to the present, he has been principal of P.S. 25, Brooklyn, where he has served since December, 1949.

The first Negro principal in Brooklyn, King was selected in three different years by a local newspaper poll as one of "Ten Leading Brooklynites." He is an active participant in community affairs and an ardent supporter of the Urban League of Greater New York, having served on the Advisory Committee of its Brooklyn Branch, and as chairman of its fund-raising committee; for the past two years he has been a member of its Board of Directors and